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SUBJECT: CTV LEADER CALLS FOR LATIN AMERICAN LABOR CENTRAL WHILE
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REF: CARACAS 658

1. CARACAS PRESS CARRIED A WIRE SERVICE STORY FROM PRENSA LATINA ON JANUARY 23 DATED HAVANA, CUBA, REPORTING THAT ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV) RAFAEL LEON LEON CALLED FOR FORMATION OF A LATIN AMERICAN LABOR CENTRAL. LEON CLAIMED SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WAS NECESSARY TO DEFEND THE "ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF OUR NATIONS." LEON IS THE HEAD OF AN OFFICIAL CTV DELEGATION WHICH IS VISITING THE CUBAN LABOR CENTRAL (CTC). LEON IS A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY (COPEI).

2. THE TEMPORARY ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE CTV, AUGUSTO MALAVE VILLALBA, TOLD THE LABOR ATTACHE THAT LEON SPOKE AS AN INDIVIDUAL, NOT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CTV. HE ADDED THAT ACCION DEMOCRATICA (AD) MAJORITY IN THE CTV HAD NO INTENTION OF FORMING ANY KIND OF AN ORGANIZATION WHICH INCLUDED CUBA AND/OR EXCLUDED THE UNITED STATES. HE COMMENTED THAT LEON WAS PRONE TO SAY THINGS HE REALLY DID NOT MEAN OR WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO SAY IN THE EUPHORIA OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF A VISIT.

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3. COMMENT: MALAVE REITERATED ASSRANCES FREQUENTLY REPEATED BY OTHER AD MEMBERS OF THE CTV EXECUTIVE BOARD. DESPITE THESE ASSURANCES THE LABOR ATTACHE FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO FORGET THAT THE SAME KIND OF "UNAUTHORIZED STATEMENTS" BY LEON DURING A PREVIOUS VISIT TO CUBA LED TO AN EVENTUAL OFFICIAL VISIT BY A CTC DELEGATION TO THE CTV. THE CURRENT CTV VISIT TO CUBA IS THE RECIPROCAL OF THAT CTC VISIT TO VENEZUELA.
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